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Service Condition of local employees of Foreign Missions

3146. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set out certain minimum standard of service conditions by way of Model Con tract form far the employment of local employees of the Foreign Missions in India, a few years ago;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the Foreign missions in India who have accepted this Model Contract and those which have not; and

(d) whether Foreign Missions in India which have not accepted this Model Contract would be persuaded to accept same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUADRO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) in 1975, all Foreign Diplomatic Missions in India were provided with a copy of a Model Contract which contained the terms and conditions of employment, which Diplomatic Missions might entei into with their Indian employees in ordei *to* ensure that both sides were aware oi their rights and obligations. The Mode] Contract indicated the minimum terms that should be offered to the Indian employees. It was also mentioned that the Missions would be at liberty to offer larger benefits if they so wish by modifying the agreement. In 1988, some changes were made in the Model Contract sug gesting a few favourable terms to th(benefit of local employees.

(c) & (d) Since the terms and condi-tions mentioned in the Model Contrac are suggestive in nature, the Diplomati Missions are not obliged to inform th< Ministry whether or not they have accep ted the Model Contract. However, i any case in which the Missions have no paid the dues of their employees accord ing to the Model Contract, is brought t< the notice of this Ministry, the concerned Mission is requested to pay them on the basis of the Contract.

Issue of Passports

3147 SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will th PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Estimates Committee o Parliament has recommended enactmen

of a single statute to govern various as-pects relating to issue of passports; and

(b) what action Government are taking to implement those recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has initiated inter-ministerial deliberations to work out the modalities for implementation of the recommendations of the Estimates Committee of Parliament.

Anti-India stand by UJSA.

3148. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review future joint naval exercises in view of the various anti-Indian stand taken by the U.S Government; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUADRO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The decision to hold joint naval exercises is taken by Government on a case-by-case basis after considering the merits of each case. Such exercises have been held in the context of Government's policy to promote professional contacts with navies of other countries. The timing, nature and advisability of holding such exercises with different countries is decided upon taking relevant professional and security factors into account.

Impact of U.S. Supreme Court's Judgement on abductions abroad

3149. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH;
SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) what is the reaction of Government to the U.S Supereme Court's Pronouncement, upholding the right of the American Government to carry out adbuctions abroad;

(b) whether Government have sent any protest note as it violates the international law;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Government regard the legal implications flowing out of this judgement as inconsistent with established norms of international law.

(b) to (d) The judgement of the US Supreme Court pertains to the extradition arrangements between the US and Mexico. Government are not involved in this particular matter.

चीन से खतरा

3150. डा० जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन :
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(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 16 जून, 1992 के "द ट्रिब्यून" में "चाइना मूव थैट टू इंडिया" शीर्षक से छपे समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि सुरक्षा विशेषज्ञों ने यह आशंका व्यक्त की है कि चीन की सुरक्षा योजनाओं के विस्तार के परिणामस्वरूप भारत की सुरक्षा को खतरा हो सकता है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इस मामले के सभी पहलुओं पर गंभीरता से विचार किया है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

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